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Drimys lanceolata

[Synonyms : *Drimys aromatica*, *Tasmania lanceolata*, *Winterania lanceolata*]

MOUNTAIN PEPPER TREE is an evergreen shrub or tree. Native to eastern Australia and to Tasmania it has small, pinkish-white or yellow flowers.

It is also known as Australian pepper, Native pepper, Pepper tree, and Tasmanian pepper.

Lanceolata is derived from Latin *lancea* (lance, spear) meaning ‘spear- or lance-shaped’.

Dried fruit have been used locally as a substitute both for pepper (*Piper nigrum*) and for allspice (*Pimenta dioica*).

Mountain pepper tree was introduced to Britain in 1843 and has sometimes been cultivated there as a windbreak.

In Ireland mountain pepper tree has been grown as hedging.